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1. REVISED PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF RESOLUTION FORWARDED
REFTEL NOW BEING CIRCULATED BY JAMAICAN DELEGATION.

FRESH DRAFT RETAINS PREAMBULAR PARAS BUT OPERATIVE PARAS
HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"1. EXPRESSES ITS BELIEF THAT ITS PRESENT AND
PROJECTED WORK LOAD CANNOT BE EFFECTIVELY DEALT WITH
WITH IN THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS;

"2. DECIDES THAT IN ADDITION TO A REGULAR SUMMER
SESSION AT WHICH THE COUNCIL WOULD DEAL WITH SELECTED
RECURRENT MATTERS, SESSIONS MAY BE CONVENED BY THE
PRESIDENT (IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BUREAU). THESE
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MEETINGS WILL BE CONVENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE.....

"3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS 1975 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL, FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS WHICH WILL RESULT FROM SUCH A CHANGE IN THE PATTERN OF MEETINGS:

"DECIDES ALSO TO GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT AT ITS 1975 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION."

2. US DELEGATION HAS EXPRESSED TO JAMAICANS FOLLOWING VIEWS INFORMALLY ON DRAFT: (1) REFS TO PROGRAM OF ACTION IN PREAMBULAR IN PRESENT FORM ARE UNACCEPTABLE; (2) OP PARA TWO IS POORLY WORDED. THE INTENT APPARENTLY IS TO ABOLISH SPRING SESSIONS. 43*343,:3 59 "SELECTED RECURRENT MATTERS" IS VAGUE. WE WOULD WANT SESSIONS TO BE CONVENED IN CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER STATES, AS PROVIDED IN RULES OF PROCEDURE. (E) OP PARA THREE AGAIN IS VAGUE, PARTICULARLY THE WORDS,"SUCH A CHANGE" SINCE THE CHANGES HAVE BEEN SO INADEQUATELY SPELED OUT IN PREVIOUS PORTIONS OF THE DRAFT.

3. INTENT OF DRAFT AS IT STANDS IS APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO PLACE COUNCIL AT CENTER OF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM OF ACTION OF UNGAS VI. IN ADDITION TO THIS CENTRAL DIFFICULTY FOR USG, DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT ANY DECISION AT THIS TIME ON ISSUE OF "CONTINUOUS" SESSIONS WOULD BE PREMATURE, AND BEST PUT OFF AT LEAST UNTIL 58TH ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION IN JANUARY. MOST WEO DELS AND SOVIETS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY WOULD FAVOR PUTTING OFF ANY DECISION AT THIS TIME, AND AT MAXIMUM SIMPLY REQUEST SYG TO LOOK INTO FEASIBILITY OF CONTINUOUS SESSIONS OF COUNCIL. DEPT'S VIEWS ON DRAFT REQUEST SO THAT DELEGATION CAN CONSULT FORMALLY WITH JAMAICANS AND OTHER INTERESTED DELEGATIONS.
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